

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 4, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. IVERSON made the following

**REPORT.**

[To accompany Bill S. 439.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles M. Perry, report :*

The petitioner was a messenger in the office of the Treasurer of the United States, at a salary of \$840 per annum. From September 28, 1853, to January 1, 1857, (as stated by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,) he faithfully and efficiently performed the duty of a clerk in the Treasurer's office, which enabled him to dispense with the services of one of his clerks, who was transferred to the First Auditor's office, where additional force was necessary. The evidence before the committee is abundant that the services were required, and that they were faithfully performed, and useful to the government. Although the committee is averse to the allowance of additional pay to clerks and other officers for alleged extra services, they think that in cases where messengers, receiving a small compensation, are required by the proper authority to perform the duties of clerks, they should be allowed a suitable compensation for such extra services.

The petitioner asks to be allowed at the rate of the salary of a clerk of class 1 (\$1,200 per annum) during the time he performed these services, deducting the amount he has received.

The Treasurer says: "I consider Mr. Perry justly entitled to the \$1,172 94 asked for in his petition," being at the rate of \$360 per annum additional.

The committee concur in this opinion, and report a bill accordingly.

